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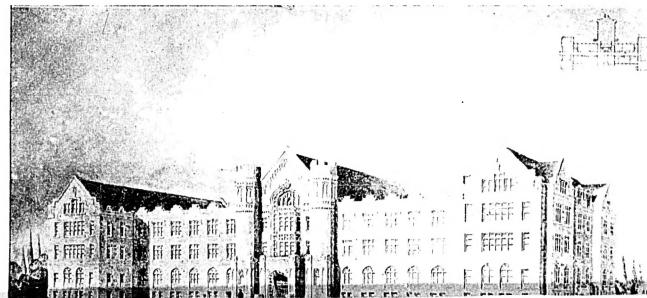
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Relations between Edmonton and Strathcona have become so seriously strained over the bridge question, that the former has determined to go on with the building of the traffic deck without the assistance of the latter. If both sets of negotiators had kept the fact before them that the interests of the two cities are bound to become identical, that from now on they will be more and more one centre of population, an arrangement could have been come to. The upshot of the matter is that Edmonton will proceed with the bridge on its own initiative, one street car track being eliminated, effecting a saving of \$42,000 and bringing the total burden the city will have to bear down to \$246,000

A very quiet municipal election period is in prospect in this part of the world. The only candidate in the field for the Edmonton mayoralty is Alderman Manson.

The prospect of a coal miner's strike in the Edmonton district at the beginning of the winter aroused not a little trepidation during the past week. At time of writing, however, a general adjustment is in prospect.

The Edmonton milk supply for the city is none too plentiful this winter, and it would seem to be likely that this will be still smaller ere long for, according to a letter which appears in the Journal of Wednesday, December 1st, by Mr. Rice Sheppard, of Strathcona, there is a strike on among the farmers against paying a tax of \$1.00 per cow for the privilege of supplying milk in Edmonton or Strathcona. Of course, this tax is probably charged for the trouble of inspection, etc., but it should also be remembered that the farmer is put to a good deal (Continued on Page Two.)



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WITH THE INVESTOR

"Four months from the date of the first payment registered, the prices of lots throughout the town of Chin will be advanced one-half, regardless of any conditions that may exist at that time." This is an extract from the Minneapolis firm's advertisement offering lots at Chin, a new town in Alberta. It is typical of much real estate advertising in the Dominion just now. The recklessness of this particular offer is a feature of investment which should be throttled. Real estate prices are determined largely by present and possible conditions. Here is a firm deliberately promising an advance in price four months hence regardless of conditions then existing. Upon that prediction they give the assurance that every purchase will make a profit of at least fifty per cent, "as he can at once re-list his lots for sale by our company." Re-listing is one thing, selling is another.

About two years ago, Canada was deep in the mire of wild speculation. The lands were in the West. The buying was everywhere. The lands were good and are good; but the future was discounted to an extraordinary extent. The reckoning day came. Many who were thoughtless purchasers then will be hasty sellers now. It is largely due to foolish speculation, in what were termed town and city lots, that Canada participated in the doldrums of trade depression. Folks said then that a lesson had been learned. They will know exactly what land is taking their money in future. The present real estate activity is in several ways a pleasing sign. It is the echo of the song of large bank deposits, of returning prosperity, of an excellent harvest.

When real wealth is struck in a mining camp, miners and investors are not the only denizens. The gin wagon, the gambler and a dozen other evils follow the prospector's trail. So it is with the tide of prosperity. When it flows a host of conscienceless men follow. An opportunity to make quick money is seen. When the tide ebbs, some of the undesirable fry get drowned. Which is a good thing. Many investors and unsuspecting speculators meet the same fate. Which is not as happy an event. One has to study long present conditions before realizing that the country is on the eve of a decided commercial revival. The unscrupulous promoter does not intend that every investor shall place his money in sound propositions.

At present the cycle of speculation has not gone far. Unless checked by the wisdom of the individual, the real estate madness of two years ago and its consequent disasters are not at all improbable. The best friends of Canada will support the Monetary Times in uttering a word of warning. With eyes, ears and a sense of national perspective, no one can doubt Canada's future. The development of towns and cities is but a matter of enterprise and years. The first is not lacking; time comes anyway. The real estate gambler is the black spot in development. His pen is untruthful. Facts and he became strangers long ago. A picture is painted which is an eye feast for the prospective investor. Two years ago hundred of alleged city lots were pure solely on the strength of drum banner advertising and a glancing blue print. Your desirable city may look the best place on earth, in reality, it may not.

In reality, it may not be on earth at all. A trustful or purchaser a few years ago bought what he thought to be excellent city lots at so much per foot. He is willing to sell now at so much per buckful. His lots were near a progressive western city, only many miles from the seat of civic administration. They were without the city limits, and will not be included for many years. The land was under water, a fact

overlooked by the blue print draftsmen.

That is one of many instances. It and others do not damn the cause of Western real estate. The whole secret is to know exactly what one is buying before the purchase is made. It is not a new axiom, although folks often forget it with their historical dates. The best guide to real estate buying is to see the purchase. Investigation on the spot of surrounding conditions, of civic progress is a sure method of determining values. That cannot always be done, which is not another way of saying if one cannot see, buy. An independent and unbiased judge of values is invariably obtainable.

The activity in Canadian real estate is a good thing, stimulating as it does safe and usually remunerative investment. But it is obvious that for every man who wrongly places his money in Canadian lands, the rebound of dissatisfaction will work considerable harm upon Canada as an investment field. Real estate brokers should offer sound propositions to the public without undue effort to force outlying lands into the arena of city lots. The public should investigate each proposition. In this way meritorious deals will be consummated and the gambling promoter checked.—Toronto Monetary Times.

The nucleus of a fleet for the Grand Trunk Pacific on the Pacific coast is now under construction in England, where contracts have been let for two fine vessels to be christened the Prince Rupert and the Prince George. These will be completed in the early spring and will be placed on the run between Prince Rupert and Seattle in April.

The Home Paper—the paper that is laid away until after dinner—the paper that mother ALWAYS reads—the Saturday News.

To the Diplococcus.

A microbe, called diplococcus catarrhalis, is believed to be responsible for the common cold.

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My cruel pains whence'er we used to meet Called forth strange remedies now whil less cruel— The fallowed nose, the mustard-blistered feet, The loathsome bowl of almost boiling gruel! My style of speech became a thing absurd, So that my youthful life was much embittered, For comrades hung upon my every word, And loudly tittered.

Even today 'tis very much the same; But you, who long eluded all physicians, At last are cornered, for I know your name, Now to reverse our relative position! One chance—wild, headlong flight—is left you still, But talk of "friendship" now of no avail is. Stay on if you prefer, but—make your will, D. catarrhalis!

—Touchstone in London Daily Mail.

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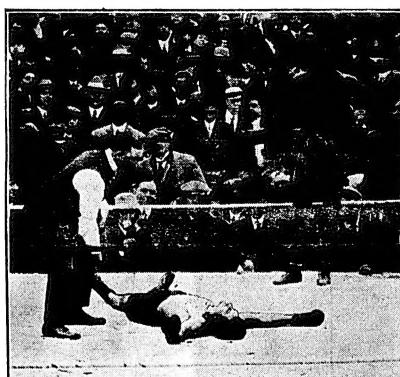
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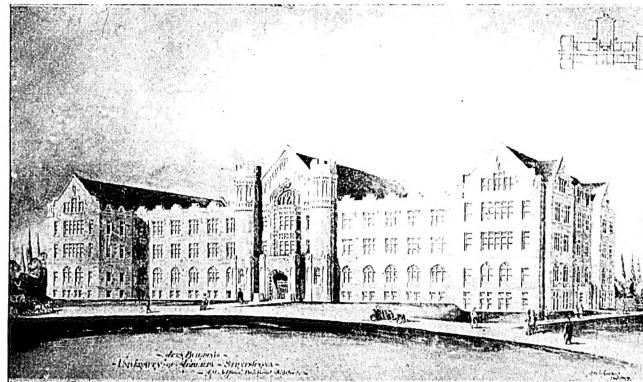
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For several months past the provincial architect has been engaged in the preparation of plans for the proposed building and the result of his labors was shown in the magnificent set of plans that were laid before the Senate. The plans accepted by the Senate provide for the construction of a building 230 x 72 feet in size, with wings on the north and south ends 110 x 38 feet.

The building is to be of plain collegiate gothic architecture, three stories in height with a full sized basement. On the west side of the building a convocation hall and gymnasium have been provided for, both of which it is expected will serve the requirements of the university for a number of years to come.

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The Affiliated Colleges

In addition to the question of providing adequate accommodation for the university's present and future needs, another matter of importance dealt with by the Senate was the acceptance of applications from the Methodist and Presbyterians denominations for sites on the university grounds for their respective theological colleges. At a previous meeting of the senate the principal was adopted of offering adequate sites on the university grounds to all religious denominations on which to erect their respective denominational colleges. That the senate was wise in adopting this principle was manifested at Friday's meeting when applications were received from the two denominations named for sites.

A site was granted to the Methodist denomination, who will immediately start with the erection of a building that will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000. On its completion this building will be occupied by the students of the present Alberta college.

President Tory was authorized by the senate to advise the Presbyterian denomination that their request for a site would be similarly dealt with as soon as they are prepared to commence building operations.

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every sense of the word, be predominantly a residential university, and with this object in view, a motion was passed requesting the executive committee to present a report to the next meeting of the senate outlining a general residence scheme for both students and professors.

Organizing Agricultural College

The report of the executive committee respecting the organization of the agricultural college was received. The report recommended the organization of the following departments: Animal husbandry, agronomy, field husbandry, dairying, horticulture, agricultural engineering, bacteriology, and veterinary science. In addition, the departments of chemistry, biology, and geology will be common to the two faculties of arts and agriculture. The number of appointments to be made for the year 1910-11 was left over for consideration at the next meeting of the senate. The question of the organization of the faculty of agriculture was fully discussed by the members of the senate generally.

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The Alberta Legislature will get down to business a trifle later than last session, February 10 being the date fixed for the opening. That the proceedings will be followed with greater interest than in other years goes without saying. In the last House there was no opposition, that was worthy of the name. In the present one there will be two. Mr. Bennett will lead one with a single supporter, Mr. Headley, and Mr. O'Brien, the other. The reorganization of the cabinet means a considerable addition to its debating strength. Last Friday evening the three new Ministers, Messrs. Marshall, Buchanan and Lessard, were the guests at a highly successful banquet of Edmonton Young Liberals. All three were given a hearty welcome and in their addresses made an excellent impression. A few nights before Hon. Mr. Cushing was honored in similar fashion at Calgary, the premier, the attorney-general, and others prominent in provincial politics being present.

It is understood that Mr. J. R. Boyle, who was so efficient a deputy-speaker in the last House, will become Speaker in the new one. The choice will be a decidedly popular one.

Relations between Edmonton and Strathcona have become so seriously strained over the bridge question, that the former has determined to go on with the building of the traffic deck without the assistance of the latter. If both sets of negotiators had kept the fact before them that the interests of the two cities are bound to become identical, that from now on they will be more and more one centre of population, an arrangement could have been come to. The upshot of the matter is that Edmonton will proceed with the bridge on its own initiative, one street car track being eliminated, effecting a saving of \$42,000 and bringing the total burden the city will have to bear down to \$246,000.

A very quiet municipal election period is in prospect in this part of the world. The only candidate in the field for the Edmonton mayoralty is Alderman Manson.

The prospect of a coal miner's strike in the Edmonton district at the beginning of the winter aroused not a little trepidation during the past week. At time of writing, however, a general adjustment is in prospect.

The Edmonton milk supply for the city is none too plentiful this winter, and it would seem to be likely that this will be still smaller ere long for, according to a letter which appears in the Journal of Wednesday, December 1st, by Mr. Rice Sheppard, of Strathcona, there is a strike on among the farmers against paying a tax of \$1.00 per cow for the privilege of supplying milk in Edmonton or Strathcona. Of course, this tax is probably charged for the trouble of inspection, etc., but it should also be remembered that the farmer is put to a good deal

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Home and Society

Edmonton.

Mrs. J. M. Mercer will not receive on the first Tuesday in December or again this season.

Mrs. Swaishand and her two little daughters returned to town over a week ago from a most enjoyable visit with the former's mother, Mrs. Metcalfe, of Port Hope. At present she is very busy getting settled in her new home, so will not receive until after Christmas.

Mrs. Cunningham was the hostess of a dinner of ten covers on Tuesday night followed by a tiny bridge and dance. The table was beautifully arranged with white and rosy-pink mums, and the hostess received in a charming lingerie gown of pale blue muslin trimmed with quantities of lace and mignonette.

On Tuesday afternoon Mr. Geo. Suckling held a delightful formal opening of "Harmony Hall," his artistic new headquarters when a great many of the prominent folk in the Capital as well as many on strictly business thoughts intent, dropped in "for to see and to admire," and came away declaring that there were no piano show-rooms to equal them, and no other host like Mr. Geo. Suckling, to be found not only in the west, but in all of Canada.

Fine pictures on the walls, some of them oil-paintings of much charm, and the work, by the way, of a former member of the local post office staff, who is away to Europe to see how much of the divine spark is really in him, and a spacious salon full of beautiful instruments, pianos by Steinway, by Nordheimer, and other noted makers, and Mr. Suckling himself with a most attentive staff of assistants, combine to make "Harmony Hall," not only one of the show places of Edmonton, but a pleasant, artistic retreat from the rank commercialism supposed, and, to an extent, rightly so, to dominate the down-town section of the city. Here on Tuesday afternoon one found a great window banked with palms, a cosy alcove retreat, with delicious tea and five o'clock dainties being dispensed; Irving's Orchestra dispensing sweet music, and in between Mr. Geo. Suckling and Mr. Horn, taking Steinway and Nordheimer, and alternately making the great names speak for themselves through the medium of their own creations, their splendid instruments.

One magnificent Steinway Grand evoked the most unbounded enthusiasm. Beautiful in lines and workmanship, and exquisite as to tone and what one must term soul quality, it stood in the centre of the salon, with the assured air of supremacy of a court beauty.

Then there were others hardly behind it in beauty. Graceful, shapely uprights, in mahogany, oak, and other finishes, all alike with regard to the quality of their internal economy. Many covetous eyes were cast here and there, and I am sure when Christmas comes around, Somebody's Husband will somehow have learned that there's nothing in all the world She would prize as much, as "that cottage piano," "that Doric model," and so forth.

In the near future recitals are to be given in these pleasant quarters, and one way and another I have an idea that "Harmony Hall" is going to make a name, and a fine big reputation at that, for itself, and its genial creator, the incomparable Geo. H. Suckling.

On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Dickie received for the first time since her coming to Edmonton, at her lovely little home on Twenty-first street, and crowds of beautifully-dressed women either tramped or walked out to welcome her and her already popular young daughters to the Capital, as permanent residents. There was a delightful half hour with plenty of tea and chatter, and one more name was added to the already appallingly long call ing list of Edmonton hostesses.

Mrs. F. N. Morgan, at the Wize Block, will not receive on Tuesday, December 7.

Tuesday evening I would have required the far-famed Seven-League Boots to have taken in all the attractions for which I was booked. There was the St. Andrews' Concert which to my great regret I simply had to miss, Professor Alexander's lecture, a dramatic club rehearsal, a dinner, a bridge party, and a musical. Reluctantly, after making the dinner, the rehearsal and the musicale

ST. ANDREW'S CONCERT

Instead of a banquet this year the St. Andrew's Society celebrated their patron saint's festal day by a concert, thus giving the wives and sweethearts and little Scotch lads and lasses an opportunity to take part in the celebration, not usually accorded.

Unfortunately the musical and dramatic critic was on his way to Winnipeg this week, when what proved to be an unusually fine programme was in progress, and so missed the opportunity of being present. From many delighted persons who attended, however, one gathers that from beginning to end the numbers were of an unusually enjoyable character, such names as Miss Webster, Mrs. Davidson, Mr. McIsaac, Mr. Stutchbury, Mr. Geo. H. McLeod, Mr. Hugh Watt, Mr. L. Mandra, Mr. Jackson Hanby, Mr. Lamond and Tom Magee of Crossfield, who took part in the programme, being sufficient surety of the fact.

To Mr. McGeorge, the very energetic and enthusiastic president, and the secretary, Mr. Henry Wilson, the credit of arranging a most enjoyable evening are due.

The Rev. McQueen was the incomparable chairman of the occasion.

NOTE AND COMMENT

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of extra expense in many cases, in fixing his premises and making arrangements to supply strictly first-class milk. So a sum of \$1.00 per cow added to this makes a considerable reduction in the farmer's revenue, which is not usually too high for the trouble involved, besides which a dairyman's life is a hard one.

New York City, especially, has taken a great deal of trouble in regulating and inspecting its milk supply and so have other places, more or less, but, as a rule, the expenses of testing and inspecting milk and milk farms are borne by the city in the interests of the residents of that city and for their own defense. If the farmer is to be too highly taxed for the privilege of selling milk in town we are likely to go short of milk, which will be a great hardship to many residents, especially children. As it is now computed that there are, on this continent, seventy people out of every hundred living in the producer, which means only thirty out of every hundred producing necessary food products for the multitude outside of town or city limits, it hardly seems to be the right time to be throwing greater burdens on the producing population, especially to the extent of cutting off our own milk supply.

The ladies of Christ church held what proved to be a more than successful bazaar, on Tuesday, in the empty store in the Windsor Block, when a delicious luncheon and afternoon tea were some of the very profitable attractions, to say nothing of all kinds of fascinating booths where novelties suitable for the Christmas season could be procured.

Everybody apparently was anxious to see the project do well, for at luncheon I noticed practically everyone I knew enjoying the tempting meal and later acquiring some of the bargains in the stall section.

I shall have beside me a cookbook of "Favorite Recipes," compiled by the ladies of the parish, which is a fund of useful information for old and new housekeepers, and which sold like the proverbial hot-cakes. Then there were dolls and toys and other tempting articles, which seemed to be in a constant state of disappearance.

I hear, the ladies netted a substantial sum from the day's business, and rejoice, for the little church needs all the stray pennies it can acquire, as it starts out on its life's mission.

Mrs. Richards is giving a little house-warming tea this Friday afternoon at her delightful new home on Edward street. **PEGGY.**

Miss Fielders has work suitable for Christmas and Wedding Gifts at her studio, The Cottage, 240 Seventh street.

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"SOMEDAY."

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"Someday," we say, but still we stay
To loiter down Life's Great Highway.

"Someday."

"Someday I'll go to work and then—
Look to your laurels you Big Men!"

Ah, Cynic Greybeard, asking

"When?"—

"Someday."

"Someday I shall be known to Fame,
Someday The World shall hear my name;

Someday I shall get in the game,
Shall find and shall achieve my aims—

"Someday."

Sometime, when I get under way,
I'll hit my gait and cease to stray;

This braw shall wear the laird's spray;

Just when I'm not prepared to say,
Nor how, nor why, but anyway—

"Someday."

I have been invited to take a holiday this week.

"Persons in the midst of moving can't be expected to have any sane ideas," pronounced the editor as he extended the rare offer, "and I don't suppose you are any exception."

"I'm not in the very least inclined to contradict him, but as a matter of fact, same or otherwise, I'm fairly bubbling over with 'thoughts' of one kind or another this morning."

Ideas concerning the folly of picking oneself and one's possessions up bodily every little while, and going a-moving, varied by the contemplation of the fresh delights of the new house.

It was the longing for a grate fire that finally brought about the shifting. Such a little thing, but already am I more than repaid for all the upset of this extremely trying week.

To be able to sit o' nights when one is "all in" mentally and physically, and dream dreams, and bask in the cheeriness of the blazing coals, to luxuriate in the warmth of them, and let oneself go whither the wayward vagaries of the glowing embers see fit to carry one, why you must see that no home can afford to be without one. I and my two grates are bosom friends already and what we shall be at the end of the winter, no words can adequately foretell.

But what a business this tearing up becomes as the years advance, and household treasures accumulate! What creatures of multifarious needs and fancies we are developing into, and whether it is all leading? Such thoughts struck me very forcibly as I watched box after box, and drayload after dray-load fall into the line of march. What did it all mean, these multiplicity of possessions, but that we, my family and I, were degenerating into creatures to whom luxuries had become necessities, that were being softened, and losing that hardness that makes for a race of strong men and women, both mentally and physically, and I may almost write, immorally.

Imagine being given the order now always to take no thought for the morrow, but to grasp one's staff and scrip in hand and go forth. Can you contemplate yourself confining your self to a scrip, while the delights of fresh linens, toilet accessories, and pet little odds and ends cried out to be left behind!

"Glory be!" said the Mover, "as he staggered down the steps under the weight of our old friend, 'American,' where do you ever get time to read half of the books?"

"I don't," said I. "I just take a taste now and then, and half of that isn't digested." But then that doesn't keep us from coveting still more fascinating volumes. So much for human nature, and human greediness!

The funny little side plays incidental to packing up, the discovering of long-lost treasures, the reading of old letters, the loss and recapture of temper, and the scrambly picnic meals that attend the ceremony, have all of them enough material for copy to last the year out.

But I have no intention of drying myself away again for the present.

If you remember a week or so since I confessed to a lister to wash-day and soap-suds. During the following week a friend, a delicious, delightful High-Priestess of The

Home-Orderly and Beautiful, took me to task.

"But you shouldn't remember to collect the clothes **only** the morning you are washing," she said, "and you should wash in the basement, and then the smell of the soap suds wouldn't go upstairs, and you should remember to prepare your meals ahead of time," etc., etc.

That she thought me the most incompetent of housekeepers need not be abled, or that the Head of the House, and the family generally had her hearty sympathy. Which was logical, her from my particular point of view absolutely impracticable.

Sigh as one may be to a bantam-legged creature like the Devilish of wonder and renown; wish as one might on every chicken and turkey breastbone that ever comes one's way, one remains at the end of it possessed of two hands and two legs. Consequently to the end of time it will only be possible to accomplish just so much work in a day and until the general run of maids acquire a few grains of common sense, and the competency of being able to at least wash dishes properly, a house-mother has to do like the poor benighted Hindoo, just "the very best she know do."

I think this morning perhaps more than anything else brought home to me the amount of reliability to be placed on two different sets of shoulders living under precisely the same conditions.

Heredity, up-bringing, cropping-out, you see, in even the slightest time of stress. What a study!

You each of you find it of course, in your various walks in life. The business man in his clerks, you women in your domestic help, all of us in our sons and daughters, our husbands and wives.

The one clerk who is always faithful, performing day in and day out the work that lies to his hand and more, grudging nothing, giving of his best, here in his employer's interests. And the other time-server, so much work for so much pay, less if he can scheme out of it, his eyes on his watch, his thoughts anywhere but on the business in hand.

And one you tell a thing and can then dismiss it from your mind. It will be done, and done how, and at the time you have said.

And the other you give your orders to, and then carry the worry of its failure of accomplishment until finally you perform it yourself. And the last are, more often than not, the so-called brilliant men and women, clever but erratic, and the first-named the Steadies, here's to them, who keep the world going.

I have wanted to write more than once on this subject, time-service versus loyalty, because I consider it at the root of practically every evil that we know of at the present day, but the subject is too big for one to handle just now. To pigeon-hole with it, but will the day ever come when I can clear these rapidly overflowing sections of their occupants and ease my mind of a great many of the "thinks" that slumber there ready to waken at a moment's warning.

But my reflections this week in the Mirror have brought my face to face with myself. Last week I said I should write today of the things suggested in the Rev. John McDonald's speech at Thursday's wedding. And today finds me off on a tangent treating things in no wise connected with the subject. No and yes, because they both concern the one thing we call Wanderlust, the McDonald's struck out for an unknown and unsettled country, I, for an untried and unsettled roof-tree. Next week—but shall I—who knows?

And the Mirror, bringing me face to face with myself, shows me a woman rather looking up on herself. Had I not the chance of a holiday from my work, yet here I am knee deep in books and confusion, setting to it. Surely, you must agree with me, I am acquiring that moral sense, the lack of which so far as school-work was concerned, so agitated a long succession of instructors. Besides are not these hands rough with the washing of mortar-stained windows, cracked from much-cleansing and polishing? I am indicating my right to be called a pretty fair house-keeper. My windows shine with a beautiful clearness and brightness, and I dress myself with an extra flourish:

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HOME AND SOCIETY

Calgary

Mr. H. N. Merriam, of Field, is in the city this week.

Mr. D. G. Brison, of Banff, was in the city this week.

Mr. F. H. King and Mr. L. K. Jordan of Winnipeg, are guests here.

A. S. Dawson and family have returned to the city for the winter months.

Mrs. A. M. Shaver entertained the O. U. R. Club on Wednesday, December 1.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Fleming, of Lindsay, Ont., were guests at Braemar Lodge this week.

Mrs. Gianville, of Leduc, has been visiting friends here for the last fortnight. She was a guest at the Hostita Ball.

Mrs. (Rev.) A. W. Coone, left recently for Napier owing to the serious illness of her father who resides there.

The Girls' Hospital Aid had a sale of work at the home of Mrs. G. Pirie, 740 Fifteenth avenue west, on Wednesday afternoon. All kinds of plain and fancy goods were on exhibit and was of a very creditable showing as a result of the girls' efforts.

Mrs. Duffus entertained the Five Hundred Club on Monday last. Among those present were: Mesdames Mason, Grogan, McLeod, Woods, Lindsay, Pirie, Bone, Dean, McFarland, Sansom and Lindsay.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Central Methodist church, had their annual "At Home" Monday evening at 8 o'clock. A splendid musical and literary programme was given. Refreshments were served and all enjoyed a pleasant social evening.

The teachers of the city were entertained on Tuesday evening by the W. C. T. U. in the Parish Hall of the Church of the Redeemer. An excellent programme was given, consisting of readings, recitations and songs, also a splendid address on the work and aims of the society, by Mrs. McGeilicuddy.

A quiet but interesting wedding was solemnized in the First Methodist church, Vancouver, on Friday afternoon, November 12, when Miss Phoebe E. Williams, of Arkona, Ont., was married to Mr. George B. Holden, of Seattle, Wash. Rev. Milliken, performed the ceremony. Miss Williams lived here for some time and has many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Flavin of Strathcona were guests of Mrs. H. C. McMullen, of Eighteenth avenue, west.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. P. Eyres, of Eyremont, are spending a few days with their daughter, Miss Eileen Eyres, First street west.

Mrs. W. H. Spencer, (nee Miss Smyth, of Ottawa) received on Thursday with her aunt, Mrs. J. Stewart at her beautiful residence, 404 Sixth avenue west.

Mrs. Wolforth, 1034 Fourteenth avenue west, entertained the Busy Bee sewing circle on Tuesday last. Among the guests were Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Shepard, Mrs. Liverin, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Church, and Mrs. Stranahan. Dainty refreshments were served at 5 o'clock and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

The ladies aid of the Hillhurst Presbyterian church had their annual sale of work on Tuesday afternoon. They had splendid success and realized a good sum to use in their church work.

The invitations to the assembly dances for this season have been issued. These dances were very exclusive and popular functions last season, and there is every reason to expect that they will be as well attended this year. The patronesses are: Mrs. P. Burns, Mrs. Grogan, Mrs. J. R. Jaynes, Mrs. H. J. Mackid, Mrs. L. T. Mewburn, Mrs. J. N. Nolan, Mrs. G. R. Pirie, Mrs. J. H. Woods, and Mrs. C. W. Rowley (honorary treasurer). The first dance will be held December 10, the second on New Year's eve, and the others on January 14th and February 4.

On Wednesday Mrs. N. C. McKilligan received for the first time since



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her marriage. The pretty rooms were attractively decorated with cut flowers and ferns. Mrs. McMillian looked lovely in a perfectly fitting gown, en taine, of light grey collienne exquisitely trimmed with bands of satin, all-over lace, and rich silk embroidery. Mrs. Weisgarber and Mrs. Lane presided at the tea table, which was very picturesque with its Mexican drawwork cover, centred by a tall crystal vase filled with large white chrysanthemums, around which maple leaves of various shades and tints were artistically arranged.

Mrs. Carson, Miss Neilson, Miss Lane, Miss Lawson, Miss Murphy and Miss Carson, looked after the guests and served the dainty refreshments.

One of the special functions of this season was the Old Timers' ball on the evening of St. Andrew's Day, November 30th in Sherman's Auditorium. The committee in charge:

Coll. Walker, president; C. Lougheed, Capt. Smart, M. McCullough, H. McLeod, R. Fletcher, A. J. Ramsay, R. C. Thomas, A. M. Grogan, R. A. Bell.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Anna Henry, 801 Seventh avenue west, was the scene of a very pleasing event on Thursday evening, November 25, when her youngest daughter, Alice M., formerly of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., became the bride of John D. Gilcock, formerly of Lexington, Virginia.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. S. Tuttle, of Wesley Methodist church. Promptly at 8 o'clock, the bridal party entered the drawing room to the strains of the Lohengrin Wedding March, played by Miss L. Mackenzie.

The bride was handsomely gowned in cream lace satin, trimmed with baby Irish lace and pearls, and carried white chrysanthemums. She was attended by Miss Bessie Sutherland, who wore a very becoming gown of figured silk mill and carried a bouquet of carnations. A. E. Sinclair ably assisted the groom. The house was tastefully decorated with red and white carnations, streamers and small American flags. Following the wedding supper, Miss Helena Mackenzie gave some interesting readings. Mrs. Gilcock will be "At Home" in the pretty little bungalow on American Hill after December 27.

The reception given by Mrs. Bertram Binning on Friday proved to be one of the brightest social functions of this season. The day was beautiful, and many ladies availed themselves of the opportunity of being out in the sunshine, and wended their way to the charming new bungalow at 2008 Fifth street west. The cosy apartments were gaily on fire with a bright fire in the grate and a pretty profusion of gold and white chrysanthemums. Mrs. Binning looked lovely in a fashionable gown of striped voile over silk, with a square lace collar, rich braid and touches of old rose silk.

Her mother, Mrs. Fife, received with her and wore an attractive costume of amethyst broadcloth, with silk and net trimmings. In the dining-room the table was very pretty with its dainty lace centre, upon which stood a tall glass perfume bottle, filled with dark crimson carnations. Descending from the shaded electrician, graceful tendrils of Alabama smilax found their way to the polished board. Mrs. Cobblewick, Mrs. Woodhall, Mrs. Shaver, and Mrs. Dunn presided over the tea and coffee cups, while Mrs. Nicklin, Mrs. Guernsey, Miss Cobban, and Miss Amos were the kind assistants who looked after the guests. Miss Trimble rendered some delightful musical selections throughout the afternoon, which were very much appreciated. Miss Dorothy Woodhall, a little fairy in a white silk frock ushered in the guests.

One of the delightful social functions of the week was the hospital ball held on Thursday night in aid of the new general hospital, which is soon to be ready for use. Nothing was lacking in the ministrations to the comfort of the large crowd of assembled guests. The committee received and heartily deserved much encomiums for the dexterous arrangement of all the various details so necessary for the proper accommodation of so many pleasure seekers. Even the most exacting could not fail to eulogize the committee of management, the members of which were: Mrs. R. R. Jamieson, Mrs. A. T. Linton, Mrs. A. Moore, Mrs. Spence, Mrs. B. S. Hamilton and Mrs. Wm. Pearce. Excellent music was provided by the rifle orchestra, whose members looked dignified in the uniforms. The refreshments were appetizing, and the tables looked lovely with their many pretty decorations of cut flowers and ferns. Several of the members of the Light Horse, appearing in uniform and mingling with the

ladies in smart evening dress, gave an air of distinction to the already brilliant scene.

It would be very perplexing to attempt to describe all of the very handsome gowns worn by the ladies, but a few of them merit: Mrs. Gianville wore a rich black sequin over net; Mrs. J. J. Young wore a beautiful Parisian robe of chintz, chiffon brocade, embroidered in silk, with touches of gold and old rose; Mrs. Grogan was handsome in a pretty black satin gown, with sequin garniture; Mrs. Burns, very handsome in magnificent gown of pale blue satin; Mrs. Lougheed, charming in pale yellow, with rich trimmings of silk embroidery and velvet; Miss Hardisty, of Edmonton, came out with Mrs. Lougheed. The young debutante looked lovely in a pretty costume of blue flowered silk mill, and carried an exquisite bouquet of La France roses. Mrs. Billie Hamilton, handsome in apricot collienne; Miss Lane, apricot satin with jet trimmings; Mrs. E. G. Hall, wore a pretty yellow crepe de chine with black jet trimmings; Miss Gianville looked lovely in a pale blue sequin over pale blue silk with velvet trimmings; Mrs. Allison wore a net embroidery princess robe over yellow; Miss Young looked sweet and girlish in a dainty white embroidery over pink silk; Miss Macdonald was handsome in a pale blue costume; Miss Kerr, stately and graceful in an empire gown of delicate museline de sole over pink silk; Mrs. O'Sullivan, in a rich black net over silk; Miss Carde in old rose silk, embroidered net and touches of gold; Miss Bailey, black sequin gown embroidered in gold; Mrs. Mitchell flowered collienne over pink silk; Miss Polkinghorne, pale pink gloria over pink silk; Miss Owes, pale blue satin; Miss De Sousa, beautiful back gown net over sequin trimming; Mrs. Nolan, very graceful in cream lace robe over silk; Mrs. Shuckles, very lovely in black point d'esprit over silk; Miss M. Brown, very pretty in white silk; Mrs. Cross, in black satin; Mrs. Patrick, in champaigne silk collienne; Miss Muckleson, in pink silk; Miss Lee, in blue silk; Miss Allan, very pretty in cream lace over silk; Mrs. Allan, in a beautiful costume of figured taffeta; Miss Burnham, in a flowered muslin, with touches of yellow; Miss Robinson, in cream satin; Miss Lilly, in cream satin; Miss Hall, in white silk; Miss Moore, lovely in old rose satin; Mrs. Oliver, in a blue lace robe over silk; Miss Griffiths, in blue satin; Miss Stringer, in yellow satin; Mrs. Bruce Robinson in old rose silk; Miss Kerfoot in black silk; Miss Fletcher in a cream lace robe over silk; Miss Jaynes, in a coin spotted dress over old rose silk; Miss Mans, a cream cloth with brown silk braiding; Miss Barber, violet silk; Miss Thompson, flowered collienne over pink silk; Mrs. Caesar, black lace; Miss McCullough, cream collienne over pale blue silk; Miss Stringer, pale pink muff; Mrs. Jones, yellow satin; Miss Horseman, cream satin with lace trimmings; Miss Sinclair, very lovely in pale green silk; Mrs. Mapson, in pale blue silk; Mrs. Jamieson, white silk with lace trimmings; Miss Ellis, white silk; Miss Leeson, very beautiful in an empire gown of white satin; Miss McBrearty in white muslin; Miss Lilly, white satin; Miss Davidson, pale blue satin; Mrs. Winter, amethyst velvet.

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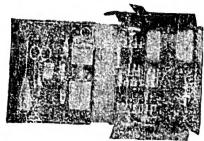
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Our massive basso, saints defend us!
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For raw recruits to understand;

With these great four to reign supreme

Our choir should be an angel's dream,
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What tales our organist can tell!

We are very much interested in this part of the world in getting a better class of theatrical attractions. What a writer in a dramatic magazine has to say about what makes poor and bad "show towns" is therefore of considerable interest:

New Orleans, nine years ago, was considered one of the finest cities on the continent to show in, we are told. No matter how badly a company was doing, there was always New Orleans, good for a banner week. The splendid way New Orleans patronized the play soon got abroad and managers knowing that it only had four theatres decided that it would stand for a few more. Klaw & Erlanger built two side by side. Three were built within one block of each other, off Canal street.

The Shuberts erected a beautiful playhouse on Baronne street, and as a result they are all starving to death with the exception of the two Klaw & Erlanger houses that were on the ground floor and made a reputation for themselves.

The beautiful Shubert house has been devoted to moving pictures for the past two years and the Baldwin theatres that used to play the most successful attractions from the box office point of view, namely burlesque, has been absolutely cut out of the burlesque "wheel." There could be no finer example of the ruin of a good show town than offered by New Orleans.

A city of 450,000 ought to be able to support ten theatres," say the managers. "It has made fortunes for four, but the fortune could not be divided among ten." The usual methods were employed for when it was found that the shows coming into the new theatres were not making money less expensive shows were sent alone, and they were so bad that the theatres cost a black eye, and now you can't fill them at any price.

The worst show town in the world, however, is New York, and that can be easily understood, for if New Orleans cannot support ten theatres with its population of half a million, then how can New York be expected to support over a hundred theatres with a population of 3,500,000. It is perfectly natural to make this comparison, especially when one realizes that such tremendous pleasure-loving people are the southerners.

New York is truly the graveyard of blighted hopes and ambitions for those who sought laurels at the shrine of Thespis.

The big managers know, but would never confess, that they do not make their money in the "Mecca," that would be giving their hand away, but such is the case. The money that is made in almost every case is made by the shows that failed in New York, but which are sent on the road after having received a pitiful few weeks' showing in the metropolis to a tremendous loss of time and money, but the advertisement is the thing. Let it be known that the play had a New York showing and the press agent will do their best towards making it a New York success and after its dismal failure, its high-priced actors are dismissed, a cheap aggregation are got together and flaring paper brought in by a smart advance agent, who gulls the newspapers, do the rest.

of the first class averages a cast of about seventy-five people, while I suppose about seventeen is the average number for a dramatic company. A prima donna, who is not a star, gets from \$100 to \$150 a week, the principal comedian from \$150 to \$500 a week the tenor from \$75 to \$300, the bass about the same. The minor characters range from \$40 to \$100 a week, while show girls get \$25 and \$30, and chorus people from \$15 to \$25, the average salary being about \$18—Hartley Davis, in "Everybody's

in receipt of the following: "At this time when London and New York papers give so much space—not only to genuine criticism of theatrical (dramatic and otherwise) productions, but also to the inner life of the members of "The Profesh," it might not be amiss to enter into the field locally, with the view in mind that many of our readers may be interested in some of our local play

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(Edward Hungerford in "Harper's Magazine")

MME. FRIEDA LANGENDORFF.

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towards the close of his directorship at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York. The musical Courier in January of the present year said in the course of a notice of her work, said

"Hear Ye Israel" aria had Mme. Frieda Langendorff as its interpreter, and she gave the familiar except an impressive performance, demonstrating her thorough knowledge in oratorio style and traditions, and using her rich, vibrant and large ranged voice with uncommon vocal skill and rare artistic refinement. She received a richly deserved ovation for her masterly and distinguished work.

In February, Frank H. Colby wrote as follows in the Los Angeles Express: "She possesses a voice of remarkable resources. It is a voice of tremendous volume, great range, and of glorious quality, rich and yet brilliant. There is but one singer I can recall who has ever sent equally in these tonal vibrations ringing against the walls of Simpson Auditorium, and that was Anton Schott, whose tremendous voice a decade ago, trumpeted distinctly above the full power of the Simpson organ in the same Beetoven number sung by Mme. Langendorff last night. Mme. Langendorff, however, is capable of artistic refinement in the most delicate of singing, and her intelligent discrimination in making use of her unusual tonal resources adds greatly to the effect of her work where intensity is called for."

"They'll be glad to see you," he told me. "You won't have any trouble gettin' there. It's a mild ev'nin'." He swung open the window of the lookout, and called to his rear-brake man, "Jimmie, run along with this here party." Jimmie pulled me through the window of the lookout before I clearly realized the entire plan.

It was a slippery path over the roofs of 60 feet to the big engine that was pulling us, and the wind that swept in from the shores of the ice-bound lake, along which the tracks ran for many miles, snapped sharply over those car roofs. Jimmie hung on to his lantern with one hand, to his companion with the other. Long miles over those slippery car roofs had taught

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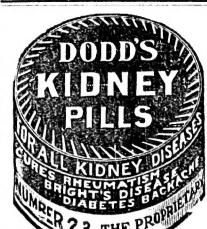
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The Report of Mr. John Galt, the well known Waterworks Expert, on the Proposition made to the Edmonton Council by Mr Frank M. Gray.

Mr. John Galt, C.E., of Toronto, the well-known waterworks engineer, has forwarded to the Edmonton council his report on the possibilities of Pigeon Lake as a source of the city's water supply. He was commissioned to make the investigation six months ago and his conclusions have been arrived at after the most exacting enquiry. The report reads as follows:

In compliance with your instructions, I have been carefully looking into the question of the availability of Pigeon Lake drainage area as a suitable source of water supply for your city and now beg herewith to report.

The area which is situated about 45 miles more or less to the south-west of Edmonton, comprising fully 100 square miles of catchment surface, 47 per cent. of which covers the surface of Pigeon Lake.

Although my calculations at first on the basis of a total annual average precipitation of 48 inches, after allowing for losses due to absorption and evaporation, make it appear certain that a continuous flow of about 200,000 gallons per day could be got, I thought best, in the interests of all concerned, to make a certain, double, safe and sure, and therefore recommended, as you know, that a weir be constructed and the measurements of actual run-off tabulated and compiled.

These measurements have been utilized in formulae and a curve plotted, which I hereby attach, is fully illustrating and explaining better than I can do in words the whole situation in a nutshell.

You will note that the period of surplus run off from Pigeon Lake extends approximately from April 1 to October 1, or six months in all, when it practically ceases and is dry for the other six months, or the balance of the year.

Late in Commencing.

We were rather late unfortunately, in constructing the weir, and beginning to take readings, as the surplus overflow had really commenced in the beginning of April, whereas our readings only started on May 3. Still, I have assumed an approximate curve for April, rising from 0 to 30 millions daily in flow line, so that the percentage of error, if any, must be very small, when reckoned in the total.

The precipitation for the year from October, 1908, to September, 1909, at Edmonton was equivalent to 14 inches of rain, doubtless one-fourth of which was in the form of snow, thus showing that last season was considerably drier than what the average for 20 years shows, viz.: 18 inches. But how it compares with the driest on record is hard to say. With such a large storage supply in the lake the fluctuations over a number of years, including a cycle of dry and wet periods, would disturb the continuity of average supply, as it would make up in the wet period just what was lost in the dry one.

Average Eighteen Millions a Day

The variable plotted curve as per diagram attached, which averages fully 16,000,000 gallons per day, for the year 1909, warrants the assumption that an average flow of 18 million gallons daily can be taken as a safe basis to go upon, or enough therefore, for a district population of 200,000 people.

I take pleasure, therefore, in presenting this feature of available supply as a safe and proper foundation to go upon when considering and discussing the project from a practical engineering and financial standpoint.

The question of suitability of the water from a sanitary standpoint, as to quality, is of first importance, but I relegate this to the provincial health authorities, who, have, in any case to report and pass upon it.

Good Water for Cities.

Personally, I believe it will be found to be good water for general domestic purposes, and as it can be secured and kept as a forest reserve, its purity can be maintained and no contamination ever threaten it.

It is a long way off, of course, and the cost or first initial expenditure cannot be well less than \$2,000,000. Taking 8 per cent. to cover interest, sinking fund and operating expenses, etc., the annual charges would be \$160,000. This would mean using say, five million gallons of water daily, at a rate of nine cents per 1,000 gallons, to meet expenses.

Now, what are the conditions? Your city at present must be using about two million gallons daily, and it is not unreasonable to assume that, at the end of say, four years, hence, which should easily cover the period of installation of such a system, the total consumption, including Strathcona, would in all likelihood, about this amount.

Undertaking Profitable

Above this amount and as the years go by, the undertaking would be quite profitable, even at a considerably reduced rate for water; in fact, it would be a valuable investment for all time and well worth every dollar spent on it, even if it should ultimately run up to a total of \$1,000,000 in making available the full supply for 3000 people."

At the first go off, it would hardly be advisable to make the supply main large enough over its entire length to deliver the full supply, but no doubt, it would be wise policy to make a long section of it, which would be under little pressure at the upper end, the full capacity leaving the balance to be duplicated in future years.

It must be understood from this report that I have not closely examined into an exact location for pine line also details of construction necessary in such an undertaking, because same would involve a considerable amount of time and money and that the object of this report is merely of a preliminary nature to establish the feasibility of the project from an engineering standpoint.

Supply Can Be Supplemented

There are other drainage lake districts to the west of Pigeon Lake which might be profitably utilized in the future to supplement Pigeon Lake, and the policy of the council seems a wise one in view of the great strategical and geographical importance of Edmonton, to commence making investigation into all possible sources of water supply not only for domestic use but for general power development in the interests of the people.

I think I have given your honorable body all the useful information necessary to consider the project from any stand-point, but if I have omitted anything, or further information is desired, I shall be only too pleased to respond on hearing from you at any time.

I have the honor to be

Yours obediently,
JOHN GALT,
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The Last Fly of Summer.

Dear comrade, when the days with warmth were glowing,
Towards the playground on my head you lied;
For I admit that on my mirror's showing
The parting there is growing rather wide;
Sometimes you caused a passing irritation,
But still you were a lively little chap,
An expert in the art of aviation,
Could nimbly dodge the hasty-tempered slap.

And now since winter is a tardy comer,

And yet we lack his seasonable chill,
I find you, dear companion of the summer,

Not lively, it may be, but living still;

And, by the happy days we both remember,

Your now enfeebled form for mercy begs,

In the vain hope of lasting till November,

On half a dozen paralytic legs,

Still to the polished dome which in your Maytime

Beheld your airy feats, you fondly cling,

And you recall the glories of your playtime

Before you grew so feeble on the wing.

Well, since fair-weather friends too oft prove fickle,

I love thee for thy constancy, O fly!

But—if you knew how horribly tickle!

I'm certain you would hurry up and die!

—Touchstone, in London Daily Mail.

ON THE TOP OF A FREIGHT

(Continued from page six.)

another to cross from car to car, and a man has got to have something of a gymnastic training and some circus as well as railroad blood in his veins to do it many times without dropping into one of the hideous dark abysses between them.

A hand out of the dark slapped me in the face. "Drop," said Jimmie, and fearing possibly that I might not obey, he pulled me flat down upon the rear roof.

"That was a 'tell-tale,'" he explained, and before I could ask further, we were in a short reach of tunnel and I understood. We were whirled through the tunnel like a package in a tube, and if we had raised our arms we could have touched the flying road at the bore. The smoke lay heavy in the place; it filled our eyes and nostrils.

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To the Electors of the City of Edmonton.

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Having served continuously as alderman in the Edmonton Council for four years, I believe that my experience assists to qualify me for the position of Mayor, and while I must expect to rely for my support chiefly on my record while serving you as alderman, I think you should know my views on the most important subjects with which the City will likely have to deal during the next year.

Water Supply

I am in favor of a gravity water system providing we can secure it upon terms as to water rates advantageous to the city but only on condition that the city itself distributes it through its own mains.

Street Railway

I believe that our street railway system should not be extended to exploit vacant property, but only as density of settlement warrants such extensions as being revenue producing. The street railway extensions should follow the development of the City and only as business warrants.

Streets and Exhibition Grounds.

As we will require to make considerable expenditures next year on exhibition grounds in order to maintain our position as the leading City of the Province, I am in favor of keeping the expenditures on street pavement and other non-revenue bearing improvements within due bounds

and confined to what is necessary as our rate of taxation has already reached higher proportions than is desirable.

Commissioners

In my opinion the commissioners should be selected for their business ability rather than for any special technical training along scientific lines; all technical help should be in the various departments where their special skill is applicable, and a high class Engineer be procured to take charge of all construction work in the city.

Penitentiary Grounds

I am in favor of making arrangements, if possible, with the Dominion Government to remove the penitentiary farther out. If the territory occupied by these grounds were sub-divided and settled it would greatly assist the revenue of the street railway and would facilitate the extension of other services.

Power Plant

The Committee of which I am Chairman, appointed to investigate the power service of the city, have engaged the best expert advice obtainable, and expect to go fully into the whole situation early next year. As the City has now a large investment in the power plant it appears to me advisable that the Council have the best expert advice in this matter before proceeding further with extensions and also have the charge of power rates properly adjusted among the different departments using it.

If honored by election I shall devote my time and energy to the best interests of the city.

Yours truly,

R. J. MANSON

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

One day a farmer found a bone; he thought at first it was a stone, and threw it at a passing snake, but when he knew it was a bone, and not a diamond or a stone, he discovered his mistake, he took it to an ancient sage, who said: "In prehistoric age, this was the shin-bone of a Thordineriom-elegant-saur - megopiumpermostod-on-thereriumsohelpmejohn." The farmer cried, "Dad bing my eyes! Was ever man so wondrous wise?" He gazes on a piece of bone, that I supposed to be a stone, and with a confidence sublime, he looks across the void of time, and give this fossil bone a name, the fragment of some creature's frame! To have such knowledge, sir, as thine, I'd give this fertile farm of mine." "Don't envy me," the sage replied, and shook his weary head and sighed. "Your life to me seems full and sweet--you always have enough to eat!"

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In Early Days

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When we lived on the ranch in early days, when there were no white ladies, curious, as it may seem, to town folks now, we rose early in the morning. Days are long in Alberta and we were young so wished to get through a good deal. Though she's young, it took lots of work to start Alberta. In summer it was up at 4 o'clock, breakfast at 5 a.m., dinner at 12 and supper at six; and to bed at any time that we happened to get through, or, according to the work that was doing. Now the people that make the most money go to their offices about 9 a.m. or perhaps later.

The Cook Chosen

The first man up was supposed to cook breakfast and, in consideration of his heroism, he was a privileged character. So when he said anything raw no one answered him back. Thus we in early days learned that there are and may be, reasons why the housekeeper often gives us come hot air, and why it is better for a man as a rule not to talk back to the one at the wheel and let her do the house warming.

The most serious question of the camp was bread. Of this there was seldom a steady supply, but the gaps were filled in with flapjacks and, as the stores were anywhere from thirty to forty miles away, and the railways, too, there was no room for argument, and the best way was always to eat what was set before you. Breakfast usually consisted of oatmeal porridge, with or without milk, and it's quite an art to learn how to swallow porridge without any milk. Butter helps it down, but that was not always available. Without milk or butter you have to do a lot of swelling to smaller it.

Next came oatmeal porridge with sugar which sometimes had to be used to flush the oatmeal down. After that probably it was bacon and flapjacks until you filled up and filling a lot of young and healthy men is no slight matter.

Alternatives
Everything tasted more or less of bacon grease, because it was more or less used in cookery, and was usually present in a greater or less quantity in the dishpan, when washing up, so impregnated the cups and the tin spoons. If we had tried vanilla ice cream it would have tasted of bacon grease. After the grub came a smoke while somebody washed up, then the shack was brushed out and it was in order to scatter out to the day's work. I say smoke because we did not always have tobacco. So we often had to smoke tea. As long as the nicotine impregnated the pipe, it was a fair smoke, but when the tobacco taste was gone, it was a poor smoke.

Sometimes one man was left behind to cook dinner, and, in that case, we usually obtained a fair dinner, but, as often as not, the whole crew went out to work in the bush, or to set fence posts, or some went out to ride. In that case, when we came home, one man rushed at the fire, while the others put the horses away, or brought water, or loafed, watching the cook. It is seldom two men can cook together, so if your partner seizes the spider and puts it on the fire, leave him alone, and let him finish the job, then eat what is cooked without remark. And, above all, do not stand around a man when he is cooking and watch him, for it makes him hot and is liable to lead to trouble.

I do not know why so many men hate being watched when they cook but they do, and perhaps it is because they do things that they don't want us to see that they do. Possibly some of these things happen in the basement now, or far away out in the kitchen, which we do not go to. But I do know we were never quite as bad in the west as I believe they are in the east, for once we had to fire a hired lady down east for blowing her nose on the dish rag.

Experiments and Results

All kinds of work had to be done in early days, and we kept sewing materials of all sorts, even surgical needles and silk, which sometimes came in handy. The three cornered needle was the favorite with the early rancher because it penetrated anything, even hides, and was easy to force through serious obstacles. Sometimes the thrust was so lively that the needle went right through a thumb or a finger. Then we could quote St. James about the tongue being an unruly member.

All sort of experiments were made with all sorts of things, and diverse were the results, many of which settlers now are reaping the benefit of. But the loudest that we can remember was of a celebrated English harpooner, who ploughed up a lot of it in Alberta, ploughed up a lot of it, and put it into grain. Then came a dry season, so he organized a water cart brigade and tried to water the grain with water carts, which had about as much effect as one spit in a sandbank. After one trial they say it was not done again, and later the estate was sold cheap.

The dry farmers and others made money out of the deal, lots of it; and now they run water down ditches, and put enough of it on at a time to do some good. Just imagine the Calgary electrically run sprinkler in comparison to this last.

For and Aft

It is hard to sit at a window in one of our big cities now, and looking out of the window, imagine it is the same land; and do we realize what a lot we have now in contradiction. We cannot even work now for an hour or two in quiet in the office without someone coming in to tell us something a typewriter or a wireless telephone or what not or to talk our heads off. The greatest dreamer might have dreamed a lot of what was to come, but he could not have formulated any definite idea of how, when or where. In fact, places that were spotted to be big in the future, have stayed just so, or a little more so, and others have out-distanced them. Some of the likely-looking spots, from their geographical situation, will come later. The thing to do is to hang on even if the dinner bell does ring.

Looking Backward

It's a long look back to the time when we would look at the larder

and say, "Well, someone has got to be cut in the river before we could get any water to cook. Everything had to be done single handed, and perhaps everything in the shack but the tea and coffee was frozen, so it might be an hour or two before supper was ready." And old hands fingers and toes ached, as we walked the floor till they came back to life, praying one minute and swearing the next, piling on the wood when walking up and down again. Till at last the pain ceased and the fingers were blown up twice their size. In the middle we hear the cow bawling home to her calf, and she has to be milked and put away. Then later we got to bed probably alone, and if supper disagreed with the interior economy, it was grin and bear it or get a little baking soda and water and pour it down. An amateur sedditz powder is made with some vinegar and soda and a little sugar and water.

Lonesome is as Lonesome Does

If it had not been for the dogs and the cats around the shack we might have forgotten what folks were like, but we could always talk to them and they were most responsive, but did not answer back. It was a great lone land, far from the emigrating crowd so the only things that suggested dress and clothes, and the gay and giddy world, were pictures cut out of the Graphic. It must have been manufactured out of just such occasions. The story of Tantalus must have illustrated. We would gaze at those depicting ladies on a slippery floor and gents in dress clothes or uniform whirling around, and wonder if we ever were really there or was it a dream. Sometimes we fancied we could hear the hand and see the glass glitter.

Many a lone man has fallen in love with a picture on the wall and has had a horrible mush on a Graphic or Illustrated News girl. He might not confess it, but lots know it if they would confess it. I wonder if the girls they did marry remind them of their early loves, and pricked out with four tacks on the walls of a log shack far away off and practically nowhere.

In the Gloaming

Every lone rancher thought he could sing, at any rate some, and ignorance was real bliss, except to the listeners. The tune that lasted longest on the range was "Wait Till the Clouds Roll By," and they were in-terminable. We can hear them rolling now, though many are gone by never to return. We rolled a lot

of the clouds by, but soon shall be forgotten, and, after the early ones had gone, someone called it "Sunny Alberta" and it stuck.

Thus it is:

A Dreamer.

"There is a story I sometimes dream,
With the light of memory by me,
As my oars sink deep into reverie's
stream."

And twilight's shades draw nigh me,
'Tis a story of heroes of braver mood
Than any who lived in tales of old;
And this story has never yet been told,

But some day I shall write it.

And a picture, too, sometimes see
Framed in a radiant morrow;
It limns a future that waits for me,
With naught of care or sorrow.
It glimpses a country we all have seen—

The land of ambition and hope serene;
It's never been painted, this land, I ween,
But some day I shall paint it.

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Camrose

The fourth city of Alberta. That is its destiny beyond doubt, for the three great Railroad systems of the Dominion are pushing it fast into the lead. The C.P.R. has served it since its beginning. The G.T.P. have their main southern branch through it, the completion being scheduled for early next spring. The C.N.R. have their Vegreville-Camrose line and plan to have their Strathcona-Camrose branch running next year. Camrose has brickfields, a coal mine, a tannery, wholesale warehouses, seven churches, three banks, a large theatre just planned and

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The bank clearings of Calgary for the past week were \$2,415,214, as compared with \$1,837,478 last year, an increase of \$577,736 or 31.4 per cent.

One of the principal occurrences last week was the banquet tendered by the Hon. W. H. Cushing, Minister of Public Works, at the St. Mary's Hall. A great many attended the dinner and at the right of Dr. Egbert, the chairman, was the Hon. W. H. Cushing, to the left the Hon. A. C. Rutherford. Among others present were Hon. C. W. Cross, Hon. W. A. Buchanan, Hon. Duncan Marshall, Dr. Clark, M.P.; Hon. C. W. Fisher, M.P.; Colin Genge, M.P.P.; E. H. Riley, M.P.P.; J. K. Cornwall, M. P. P.; J. R. Boyle, M. P. P.; and Mayor Jamieison.

Many other well-known citizens

were seated at the tables, the names being too numerous to mention. The gallery was filled with ladies. Mr. Jas. Short proposed the toast of the Dominion of Canada, to which Dr. Stewart responded. Dr. Clark made a capital speech. Mr. S. L. Jones proposed the toast of the provincial government. Premier Rutherford, in replying, soothed the feelings of the ladies as to a possible curtailment of their voting rights and spoke very feelingly about the Minister of Public Works, remarking that, with the exception of Mr. Cushing and himself, every minister of the cabinet was under forty years of age. The two adults would act as a break upon the younger men. He also gave some interesting information in regard to schools viz.: that the enrolment which had been, five years ago, 23,000, was now 40,000. Dr. Rutherford also spoke of the coming of the railroads and that if the Saskatoon to Calgary branch was not completed, and could not be completed without a guarantee of bonds from another province, His government had promised that guarantee. "This railroad was already 20 miles inside the province of Alberta. In one year there will be but few available homesteads south of the Saskatchewan. We are witnessing the greatest drama in settlement that Canada has ever seen."

Hon. Mr. Cross had plenty to say and estimated the population of the province at the present time at \$30,000. One of the greatest problems facing the province at the present time was the means of transportation, the roads and bridges. His objection to Mr. Telford's scheme, in regard to the betterment of our roads, was that the Dominion government did not have the land to give away.

Hon. W. A. Buchanan spoke of the progress of Lethbridge, of the progress of the province, and of the valuable work accomplished by the Minister of Public Works.

Hon. Duncan Marshall had a most cordial reception and referred to the leader of the Socialists as the Mad Millah of provincial politics whose mildest reference to the members of the present Alberta legislature was, that they were "the wildest bunch of unruly tricksters that ever escaped the hangman's rope." Mr. Marshall said that three things were most needed in the province, viz.: the best cultivation of the soil, the best roads and bridges to get the grain to market.

Hon. C. W. Fisher next spoke and then Mr. Ryan proposed the toast of the provincial legislature. To this Messrs. Riley, Cornwall and Boyle replied. Mr. Cornwall's strong point is the Far North. His information is most interesting upon a subject at present not much understood. He considers the waterways of the north more important than the waterways of the Great Mississippi.

Mr. P. J. Nolan made a witty speech, and, in referring to the naval question, was satisfied to know that it had been settled, and he feebly called attention to the possible disaster that might occur if the Russian fleet should come up the Bow and should evade the Home Guard at Medicine Hat. All that would be left to do would be to induce the Langstroth bridge, hold the enemy at the brewery where they would fall victims to our schooners.

Mr. Cushing received a most enthusiastic reception and went over considerable ground, starting from the inauguration of the province, his entry into government service with even greater responsibility than private business. He praised the excellent staff that he had been so fortunate as to have under him.

Mr. Reilly proposed the toast of the city to which Mayor Jamieison responded. Mr. Schwood spoke for the

ladies, and then a most successful evening terminated.

Bagley's Orchestra furnished the music and Mrs. Stirett did the catering, both of which necessary branches were well attended.

The poultry show at the fair grounds will be one of the most prominent features of interest next week. This takes place on Decem- ber 8, 9 and 10, a banquet being held in the Central Methodist Church on the evening of the 9th, at which Mayor Jamieison and other prominent citizens have promised to be present. It is confidently expected that this will be the largest poultry show ever held west of Winnipeg, one of the interesting features also will be a good display of fancy pigeons.

The convention of school teachers, held last week in Calgary, seems to have been progressive and furnishes some food for thought. Education is a very live matter and interests us all; and, of course there are differences of opinion in regard to educational matters even among the teachers themselves, but still it all means progress. The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That this convention of the teachers of the Calgary inspectorate urge upon the attention of the Minister and Department of Education the necessity of a thorough revision of the curriculum of studies in both public and high school standards, this revision to have in view the object of relieving rather than further over-crowding the heavy course of studies. Understanding that a commission has been proposed by the department of education for the purpose of considering the revision of the programme, we would respectfully request that ample representation be given on this commission to the public school teachers of the province."

A Provincial Association

The committee presented another resolution approving the idea of organizing a provincial association to include all the educational interests of the province and suggesting that when a provincial teachers' convention can be arranged, it should be held during the week following Easter. This was also adopted.

At the morning session a number of papers on different subjects were read. Perhaps the most interesting was that of Miss M. Howson on composition. She had two of her pupils read stories they had written. Edwin Maggs read "The Snowdrop," an example of reproductive work, and Jamie Davidson p.v.e. "An obituary of an Apple," as an example of a descriptive story. The many bearing of the little fellows, and their splendid work, won the applause of the convention.

The convention requested that Miss Howson give an outline of her method of teaching composition to Dr. Scott, to be printed and sent to all the teachers in the district who wished to copy. Her paper was full of suggestions for encouraging the children to read and speak correctly and develop a liking for good literature. She said that the best results can be obtained where the work of the school room was supplemented by instruction and training at home.

The dates for the Horse Show, the principal event of the spring, are to be April 5, 6, 7, and 8. The Fat Stock Show and Pure-bred Stock Sale will be held on the same dates. All these features will be enlarged and improved and will soon rank with any on the continent.

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WHAT THE PRESS AGENTS SAY

Starland

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Quite a change were the two films of the Seattle Exhibition size: The Present of the Seattle Exhibition to President Taft and the Dedication of the Canadian Arch at Seattle by the Sixth Regiment Canadian Militia with their regimental band and drum and fife corps. The photographs were excellent and received great applause, especially when the Canadian buildings were shown. These pictures were obtained with much trouble by the management, as a sequel to the C. P. pictures. Thus we have enjoyed all the scenery between Calgary and Victoria and now become familiar with the most interesting parts of the great exposition, a trip which many have made during the last few months.

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Edmonton Horticultural Society.

WHAT THE PRESS AGENTS SAY

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These were duly submitted and gone over clause by clause and finally adopted, so the society is now in working order and bids fair to be a great success. The membership fee is to be \$100, and all those who love a flower, a garden or beauty in general, can surely afford the one dollar to help out such a sterling cause.

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provided their own citizens best themselves, for they start with natural scenery and natural advantages that are lacking in so many other places.

So that, with a live horticultural society to systematize the work and farther the same, Edmonton and Strathcona can be made the envy of all visitors and a joy to behold.

As long as we work along without system we may remain just as we are but, by organizing, there is no telling what heights we may attain, as the duties of the officers are "to arrange for the holding of exhibitions, competitions and "the laying out and caring for any horticultural work undertaken by the society in connection with city or other public buildings."

And in general they will try their utmost to foster anything pertaining to an improvement in any line that will add to our welfare, and that is within the scope of their work included in the objects and aims of the society.

The objects of the Society shall be to encourage Horticulture, Arboriculture, Agriculture, Botany and branches thereof by lectures, demonstrations or other educational means, and to advise, recommend and encourage the beautifying of the homes of the city and the public institutions thereof."

The officers of the association are: Patron, His Honor, Lieutenant-Governor Bulyea; Hon. President, J. A. McDougall, M.L.A.; vice presidents, Messrs. W. Howe and J. Slade; directors: Messrs. J. L. Baxter, T. Christie, A. W. Foley, J. Gow, Hilliard, J. Bibel, Miss Astbury, Miss Heathcote and Mrs. Widell.

The date of the next meeting will be announced in the press and by that time it is confidently expected that a dollar shower will have placed the society in strong standing, and that the list of members will be rolling up into the hundreds. The Calgary Horticultural Society has done wonders in a year, therefore why not Edmonton also?

Please do not wait to be asked for your subscription, but just send it in.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

"An All-Headline" Bill at the Empire

Without doubt the finest all-round bill ever seen at the Empire was that which Manager Kyle presented for the first three days of this week. People in this city have not fully realized that the show we see every week in our popular vaudeville play house is exactly the same bill that plays the large theatres in Chicago, Seattle, Vancouver, etc.

The hit of the evening was a sketch entitled "Stop, look, Listen," which gave May Tully splendid opportunity to show her capabilities as an actress. Her work as the chorus girl out of a job was admirable and Miss Barker made a splendid foil for her work. Imitations of prominent New York theatrical favorites were introduced, the one of Harry Lauder bringing down the house.

The Novelty Dancing Four have a beautifully costumed act, and their singing and dancing in concert was great. Wooden shoe, toe, and other forms of dancing were introduced with great success.

We have had aerobats of all sorts at the Empire, but the Le Van Tris boys them all beaten a mile. They perform the most difficult feats from a series of horizontal bars, and the comedy stunts of one member of the trio were wonderful.

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"That Wills and Hasson are correctly billed was the verdict of one who saw the show last night and Monday night. They are certainly America's foremost equilibrists. The fee is to be \$100, and all those who love a flower, a garden or beauty in general, can surely afford the one dollar to help out such a sterling cause.

Those who have the interest of the city and the country at large at heart will at once send in their subscription name and address to the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. J. E. Stewart, of Strathcona, without his having to ask for them.

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WITH THE INVESTOR

"The immensely important part that British capital is playing in the development of Canada is not generally recognized," said Major St. Aubyn, a recent visitor to Alberta, in the course of an interview on his return to Winnipeg. The major is a director of the Canadian Agencies Limited, of 6 Princess street, London W., who has been taking a trip through the west investigating the interests of his company.

Major St. Aubyn complained of the articles being written by F. A. Mackenzie, for the London "Daily Mail," which magnified the part the Americans are taking in the development of the Dominion and minimized what the British are doing. Major St. Aubyn said: "We are five thousand miles from the scene of action yet I can find few big things being done in Canada without British capital. We do not wish to butt in and interfere with the management of local concerns; the Canadian does his own business well enough but there are hundreds and thousands of Britshers succeeding and helping to develop the country in a quiet way."

Major St. Aubyn backed what he said by citing some of the activities of his own company.

It is owned by Chaplin, Milne & Grenfell & Co., who are successors to Morton, Rose & Co., in Canada. They financed the Great Superior Corporation with its multifarious interests.

This undertaking, Major St. Aubyn pointed out, had originally been controlled and financed by Americans, but had failed, then taken it up and it has been a success; they also financed the old Calgary and Edmonton line, and the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake & Saskatchewan afterwards disposing of them to the C. N. R. and C. P. R. respectively. The settlement of the irrigated lands of Southern Alberta, was another of this company's enterprises.

Major St. Aubyn has just completed an extensive tour of the Albertan wheat fields in an automobile and says the changes are astonishing since his last visit some years ago. Then a vast country now clothed in wheat, was merely prairie.

He said that he thought a mistake had been made by Canada in turning off the immigration tap in Britain. He very much doubted whether it could be turned on in the same way again.

Canada had the first call, but there was a pretty general impression in Britain that Canada did not want immigrants, while Australia and South Africa which in Rhodesia had a magnificent country, was clamoring for settlers.

Major St. Aubyn said that the United States had never picked and chosen in this way. That country had taken them all, the good and the bad and continued to make good citizens of them. He thought Canada was a little fastidious.

"We will lose no opportunity of telling our friends in England of the great opportunities for investment in Canada. They are unlimited."

With this firmly impressed in their minds, and glowing with enthusiasm over the wonderful development and prosperity of Canada, Allan T. Neville and H. W. Burks, two members of the London stock exchange, are returning to England from a trip through the Dominion.

"We are both convinced more than ever of the unlimited chances for investment of capital here," said one of them in the course of an interview, "and when we were in the west you may be sure that we let no opportunity go past us."

Mr. Birks was in Canada eleven years ago, and today says that the progress and development is marvelous.

"I cannot express it in words," said he, "but it seems like a great transformation seen from a theatre. Everything seems so different. Winnipeg is now a city of not only on this branch, but the solid business houses which indicate good methods, and from what I have seen the business men of Canada are the best kind."

"The cities of the west seem to have a great future before them, and the values of property which are supposed to be very high at the present time are not too high. The properties are not overvalued British capital," said Mr. Neville, "hitherto has been spent mostly in Eastern Canada, and has not found its way out west so much; but as soon as the marvelous opportunities are known, we will find money flowing in very readily."

Winnipeg real estate has shown very decided activity in recent weeks, after a quiet period extending over more than two years.

Montgomery Brothers have refused an offer of \$400,000 for the Queen's Hotel. It was made to them by J. D. McArthur, contractor, who is erecting the great twelve story office building adjoining the Queen's, and who has been investing very heavily in inside city property. Messrs. Montgomery, however, value the Queen's at figure in the neighborhood of half a million. The Queen's has a frontage of 100 feet on Portage by about 75 on Notre Dame.

The recent school land sales conducted in Alberta by the officers of the department of the Interior brought good prices. One piece of property near Oliver, between Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan brought \$10 an acre. There was another sale at Edmonton at \$25 an acre. The others ranged from \$7 to \$20. The highest-priced quarter at Stettler was that adjoining the new G. T. P. townsite of Botha, which brought \$25 an acre.

The Calgary Albertan says: The Grand Trunk Pacific has already procured its terminal stands in Calgary, and will be operating train schedules between here and Edmonton by next fall, according to W. P. Hinton, general passenger agent of the road, who passed through the city yesterday on his way from Edmonton to Winnipeg. Just where these terminal grounds are, however, he would not say.

"Is it true that the Grand Trunk has obtained the site of the Mounted Police Barracks?" he was asked.

"That is the common report," was the evasive reply of the rail road man. "I cannot tell you where the terminals are located To make the information public might cause us embarrassment, as we don't want to play into the hands of real estate speculators."

Mr. Hinton spent some time looking over Calgary. He has been here before, but he says he wants to get more familiar with the city with which his road will have so much to do in the near future. He says the branch of the G. T. P. from Edmonton via Trostfield into this city should be completed by next fall. The grading is now finished to the "tattle river, where a bridge is being constructed. Battle River is 47 miles from Edmonton, so that there is about 10 miles of grading yet to be done. He declares that work will be started immediately. The main line is being delayed considerably by the scarcity of labor.

The southeast corner of Portage avenue and Kennedy street with eighty-eight feet frontage on Portage avenue, was purchased last week by John Gunn, the well-known contractor of Winnipeg, for \$118,800, the purchase price being \$1,350 a foot. Mr. Gunn is the vendor bought the property six weeks ago, for \$1,000 a foot.

A Medicine Hat correspondence in the Lacombe Globe says Senator T. O. Davis, of Prince Albert, was in Edmonton this week, to make arrangements along with Senator Talbot, of Lacombe, for the development of a coal mine on one of the largest private coal properties in the province. Senator Davis said that he along with Senator Talbot, J. J. Hughes and V. Ratz and several other financial men, have acquired 3,000 acres of coal lands just south of the town of Alix, a few miles east of Lacombe. This coal property was estimated to yield 10,000 tons of coal of a quality which is as good if not superior to the best Galc coal mined in the Lehigh district.

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And back to the fight he passed.

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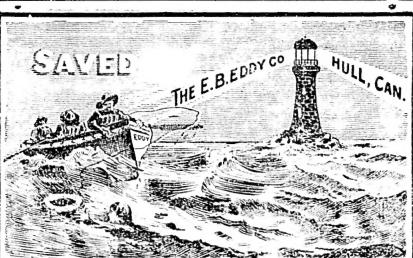
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